

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated January 29, 2008. Applicant has amended claims 1-3 and canceled claims 11-12. Reconsideration and favorable action in this case are respectfully requested.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 5,986,640 to Baldwin in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,751,379 to Markandey. Applicants have reviewed these references in detail and do not believe that they disclose or make obvious the invention as claimed.

Applicant notes with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that claims 10-12 are allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended claims 1-3 to include the subject matter of claims 10-12, respectively. Accordingly, Applicants believe that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

An extension of one month is requested and a Request for Extension of Time under § 1.136 with the appropriate fee is attached hereto.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment, including extension fees, to Deposit Account No. 20-0668 of Texas Instruments Incorporated.

Applicant has made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Alan W. Lintel, Applicant's Attorney at (972) 664-9595 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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